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Dear Sir:

The following documents are enclosed in connection with the above-referenced patent application:

- 1. Amendment (19 pages);
- 2. Fee Determination (After Amendment of Claims) (1 page);
- 3. Check in the amount of \$609.00 to cover extra claims fee; and
- 4. Return Receipt Postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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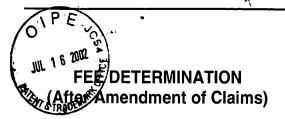
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 10, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Once Amended) The evacuation apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising at least a plurality of manifold barriers carried by said plenum, wherein said manifolds cover a portion of said inner periphery adjacent to said one nozzle operatively coupled to said fluid source.

(Once Amended) The evacuation apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said manifold

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barriers are solid.

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